

Amendments of the Claims:

A detailed listing of all claims in the application is presented below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. All claims being currently amended are submitted with markings to indicate the changes that have been made relative to immediate prior version of the claims. The changes in any amended claim are being shown by strikethrough (for deleted matter) or underlined (for added matter).

1. (currently amended) A method for retrieving shipping platforms which have been sent by a plurality of original shippers to a plurality of end recipients, from downstream receivers to a shipper through a coordinator for reuse, comprising the steps of:

a) the coordinator issuing an identification for ~~the~~ a plurality of types of shipping platforms;

b) the coordinator creating a remotely accessible file describing each of the plurality of types of shipping platforms on a computer site, in which each type of shipping platform is associated with an original shipper;

c) the coordinator accepting a listing from an end recipient of at least one shipping platform of one of the types of shipping platforms identified in step (a) ~~platforms~~ for sale at the computer site;

d) the coordinator notifying the original shipper associated in step (b) with the type of shipping platform of the listed listing of the at least one shipping platform listed by the end recipient in step (c) ~~platforms~~.

2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step, after step (a), of marking the identification and a symbol representing a coordinator ~~the method of this invention~~ onto a plurality of the shipping platforms.

- 1 3. (currently amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the step of marking the
2 shipping platforms further comprises marking a computer address for the
3 computer site on the shipping platforms.
- 4 4. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step, after step (d), of
5 the coordinator coordinating shipment of the shipping platforms from the end recipient
6 to the shipper.
- 1 5. (original) The method of claim 4, further comprising the step of selling the shipping
2 platforms by the end recipient to the coordinator.
- 1 6. (currently amended) The method of claim 5, wherein the step of selling the shipping
2 platforms further comprises ~~comprising~~ the steps of:
3 the shipper paying ~~a~~ the coordinator a sales amount for the shipping platforms;
4 and
5 the coordinator paying the end recipient a percentage of the sale amount.
- 1 7. (original) The method of claim 1, in which the file created in step (b) comprises
2 information on repair standards for the shipping platforms.
- 1 8. (original) The method of claim 7, further comprising the step of repairing the shipping
2 platforms in accordance with the repair standards in the file.
- 1 9. (original) The method of claim 7, in which the repair standards comprise at least one item
2 selected from a list comprising: a description of repair policy; general guidelines;
3 stringer board repairs; excessive wear and tear and contamination; nails and hardware;
4 and lumber that can be used to repair the shipping platforms.
- 1 10. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the identification issued is based on at least one
2 factor selected from a list comprising: a type of the shipping platform; and a size of
3 the shipping platform.

1 11. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the file created in step (b) comprises at
2 least one item selected from a list comprising: the identification issued to the
3 shipping platform; a shipper profile; an image of the shipping platform; repair
4 specifications for the shipping platform; shipping platform specifications; and
5 the annual usage of the shipping platform.

1 12. (currently amended) A method for recycling and reuse of a shipper's shipping platforms
2 sent from downstream receivers a plurality of end recipients through a coordinator,
3 comprising the steps of:

4 a) requesting a the coordinator to issue an identification for each of a plurality
5 of types of the shipper's shipping platforms and to create a remotely
6 accessible file describing the plurality of shipping platforms and
7 associating the type of platform with the shipper, on a computer site
8 associated with the coordinator;

9 b) marking the identification of the type of platform and a symbol representing
10 the coordinator onto each of a plurality of the shipping platforms;

11 c) shipping products on at least some of the plurality of shipping platforms to
12 at least one end recipient;

13 d) accepting notification from the coordinator of a plurality listed quantity of
14 shipping platforms of a type associated with the shipper in step (a),
15 which had been listed by at least one an end recipient at the computer
16 site associated with the coordinator; and

17 e) receiving at least some of the plurality listed quantity of shipping platforms
18 listed in step (d).

1 13. (original) The method of claim 12, wherein the step of marking the shipping
2 platforms further comprises marking a computer address for the computer site
3 associated with the coordinator on the shipping platforms.

1 14. (currently amended) The method of claim 12 ~~5~~, wherein the step of receiving the
2 shipping platforms further comprises ~~comprising~~ the steps of:

3 the shipper paying the coordinator a sales amount for the shipping platforms;
4 and

5 the coordinator paying the end recipient a percentage of the sale amount.

1 15. (original) The method of claim 12, in which the file created in step (a) comprises
2 information on repair standards for the shipping platforms.

1 16. (original) The method of claim 15, in which the repair standards comprise at least one
2 item selected from a list comprising: a description of repair policy; general guidelines;
3 stringer board repairs; excessive wear and tear and contamination; nails and hardware;
4 and lumber that can be used to repair the shipping platforms.

1 17. (original) The method of claim 12, wherein the identification issued is based on at least
2 one factor selected from a list comprising: the particular type of shipping platform;
3 and the size of the shipping platform.

1 18. (original) The method of claim 12, wherein the file created in step (a) comprises at
2 least one item selected from a list comprising: the identification assigned to the
3 shipping platform; a shipper profile; an image of the shipping platform; repair
4 specifications for the shipping platforms designated by the shipper; shipping
5 platform specifications; and the annual usage of the shipping platform.